

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for receiving image files of images to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker using a presentation system, the apparatus comprising:
 - a storage device configured to store the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus operated by the speaker;
 - 10 a monitoring unit configured to monitor a state of storing the image files in the storage device; and a storing state changing unit configured to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the monitoring unit detects that
 - 15 storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.
- 20 2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a notification unit configured to notify changes in the storing states made by the storing state changing unit to the transmitting side apparatus when the storing state changing unit changed the storing states.
- 25 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the monitoring unit monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.
- 30 4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the monitoring unit also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.
- 35 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the storing state

changing unit changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed

5 image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

10 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the storing state changing unit selects those image files for which the storing states are to be changed, according to attributes of the image files stored in the storage device or prescribed priority levels given to the image files stored
15 in the storage device.

7. A method for receiving image files of images to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker
20 using a presentation system, the method comprising:

storing the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus operated by the speaker, into a storage device;

monitoring a state of storing the image files in the
25 storage device; and

changing at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the monitoring step detects that storing of one image file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the
30 transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

35 notifying changes in the storing states made by the

changing step to the transmitting side apparatus when the changing step changed the storing states.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the monitoring step
5 monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the monitoring step
10 also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the changing step changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of
15 the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and
20 re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein the changing step selects those image files for which the storing states are
25 to be changed, according to attributes of the image files stored in the storage device or prescribed priority levels given to the image files stored in the storage device.

13. A computer program product for causing a computer to
30 function as an apparatus for receiving image files of images to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker using a presentation system, the computer program product comprising:

35 a first computer program code for causing the computer

to store the image files received from a transmitting side apparatus operated by the speaker;

a second computer program code for causing the computer to monitor a state of storing the image files in
5 the storage device; and

a third computer program code for causing the computer to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the second computer program code detects that storing of one image
10 file that is currently received or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.

15 14. A presentation system in which images are to be presented to audience during a presentation by a speaker according to image display commands issued by the speaker, the presentation system comprising:

20 a transmitting side apparatus configured to transmit image files of the images to be presented to the audience;

a receiving side apparatus configured to receive the image files from the transmitting side apparatus and present the images of the image files to the audience according to the image display commands issued by the
25 speaker, the receiving side apparatus having:

a storage device configured to store the image files received from the transmitting side apparatus operated by the speaker;

30 a monitoring unit configured to monitor a state of storing the image files in the storage device; and

a storing state changing unit configured to change at least a part of storing states of the image files stored in the storage device, when the monitoring unit detects that storing of one image file that is currently received
35 or scheduled to be received from the transmitting side

apparatus is impossible, so as to make the storing of the one image file into the storing device possible.

15. The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the
5 receiving side apparatus also has:

a notification unit configured to notify changes in the storing states made by the storing state changing unit to the transmitting side apparatus when the storing state changing unit changed the storing states.

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16. The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the monitoring unit monitors the state of storing the image files in the storage device by checking a vacant capacity in the storing device.

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17. The presentation system of claim 16, wherein the monitoring unit also notifies information indicating the vacant capacity in the storage device to the transmitting side apparatus.

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18. The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the storing state changing unit changes the storing states by deleting at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device, or compressing at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing compressed image files into the storage device, or contracting images of at least a part of the image files stored in the storage device and re-storing image files of contracted images into the storage device.

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19. The presentation system of claim 14, wherein the storing state changing unit selects those image files for which the storing states are to be changed, according to attributes of the image files stored in the storage device or prescribed priority levels given to the image files

stored in the storage device.

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